

## AMTRAK LOSSAN CORRIDOR

**Route Alignment:** The Amtrak LOSSAN corridor's alignment is the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner's service from the Ventura/Santa Barbara county line to the Orange/San Diego county line.

**Technology:** Steel wheel on steel rail.

**Speed:** Up to 79 mph, averaging 46 mph. Track improvements may permit higher speeds.

**Status:** Amtrak and the LOSSAN JPA are working towards speed and service improvements and many capital projects to improve speed have been identified and planned with estimated costs. Funding is currently being lobbied from a variety of sources and is reasonably expected at least on an incremental basis for the 2012 RTP.

At the August LOSSAN Board meeting the formation of a new locally-controlled JPA was unanimously approved in concept. The Board directed LOSSAN staff to continue developing conceptual JPA organization and structure. Therefore it is possible that this JPA could be formed within the next year and a half, bringing further momentum for speed and service improvements in the corridor. Stakeholders are also working with CHSRA to lobby the Brown administration to use high-speed rail funds for existing inter-city and commuter rail services.

**Regional Connectivity:** Regional connectivity and ridership potential is very high as existing stations already connect to an array of rail, airline and public transit connections, and higher speeds would increase ridership that already grows at significant levels on a yearly basis.

**Ridership:** Pacific Surfliner ridership carries about 2.7 million passengers annually.

**Funding:** Incremental speed and service improvements are currently being lobbied.

**Project/Alignment Duplication:** Metrolink also runs along the Pacific Surfliner corridor; however, Amtrak largely carries inter-city passenger trips and Metrolink largely carries commuter passenger trips.

**Inclusion in LRTPs/RTP:** The Amtrak LOSSAN corridor service is included in all relevant LRTPs and the RTP. Specific speed improvement projects will be included in the plans once they are identified and funded.

**Commission/COG Support:** Strong support by all commissions and COGs on LOSSAN Board.

**Stakeholder Support/Objection:** Strongly supported by all stakeholders.

**Staff Recommendation:** Include in Constrained Plan.

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